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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCESSING  
GROUP ART UNIT 1651



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Applicant: Stig Steen )  
Appln. No.: 09/484,048 ) Examiner: S. Saucier  
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For: Improved Preservation )  
Solution )

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

A response to the Final Office Action of August 13, 2001 was originally due November 13, 2001. This Response is therefore accompanied by a Petition for Extension of Time, to extend the time for responding for an additional month, up to and including December 13, 2001. Please accept this Amendment as timely filed.

In response to the Final Office Action of August 13, 2001, and for the purpose of placing the application in condition for allowance, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application, in light of the following remarks, and in view of the filing herewith of a new oath/declaration.